In the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for registering biometric information for use in a transponder-reader system, said method comprising:

receiving a proffered biometric sample at a ~~contacting an authorized~~ sample receiver;

~~proffering a biometric to a biometric sensor to facilitate scanning of said biometric being scanned by said sensor such that said sensor obtains a biometric sample; and~~

receiving ~~providing~~ user information and transponder information ~~to said system~~ at said sample receiver; ~~to facilitate said system~~ and

associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said transponder information to create a data packet, wherein said proffered biometric sample is associated with at least two of: a charge card account, a credit card account, a debit card account, a savings account, a private label account and a loyalty point account.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said proffered biometric sample at ~~contacting an~~ said ~~authorized~~ sample receiver includes ~~contacting an~~ said ~~authorized~~ sample receiver contacting ~~through~~ at least one of a computer, Internet, software, hardware, a third-party biometric entity, a kiosk, a biometric registration terminal, and a communication device.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing user information and transponder information to said system to facilitate said system associating~~ receiving said proffered biometric sample further includes ~~facilitates~~ at least one of: processing, storing, comparing, and verifying said proffered biometric sample.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said transponder information ~~to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample with user information and transponder information~~ further includes ~~facilitates~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with ~~at least one of:~~ personal information, ~~credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein said step of ~~providing~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said transponder information ~~to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample~~ further ~~facilitates~~ includes storing said data packet on a database, wherein said database is contained in at least one of a transponder, ~~transponder~~ a reader, a sensor, a remote server, a merchant server and said transponder-reader system.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein said step of providing user information and transponder information to said system to facilitate said system associating said proffered biometric sample with user information and transponder information~~ further ~~including~~ ~~facilitates~~ facilitating registration of a second proffered biometric sample.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said transponder information ~~to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample with user information and transponder information facilitates~~ includes associating different proffered biometric samples with a different one of: personal information, charge card information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said transponder information ~~to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates~~ includes primarily associating ~~the~~ said proffered biometric sample with ~~at least one of~~ a first user information, wherein said first user information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information, and ~~wherein said step~~ ~~facilitates~~ secondarily associating ~~the~~ said proffered biometric sample with ~~at least one of~~ a second user information, wherein said second user information comprises at least one of personal information, charge card information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information, ~~where~~ wherein said second user information is different than said first user information.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said transponder information ~~to said system to facilitate said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates~~

includes associating a first proffered biometric sample with at least one of first user information, wherein said first <u>user</u> information comprises <u>at least one of</u> personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information, and ~~wherein said step of providing user information facilitates associating~~ <u>facilitating registration of a second proffered biometric sample</u> ~~further facilitates~~ <u>by</u> associating ~~a~~ <u>said</u> second proffered biometric sample with at least one of second user information, wherein said second <u>user</u> information comprises personal information, <u>charge card information,</u> credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing~~ <u>associating said proffered biometric sample with said</u> user information and <u>said</u> transponder information ~~to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates~~ <u>includes</u> associating a first proffered biometric sample with ~~at least one of~~ a first user information, wherein said first <u>user</u> information comprises <u>at least one of</u> personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information, and ~~wherein said step of providing user information and transponder information to said system further facilitates~~ associating a second proffered biometric sample with ~~at least one of~~ <u>a</u> second user information, wherein said second <u>user</u> information comprises <u>at least one of</u> personal information, <u>charge card information,</u> credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information, wherein said second user information is different than said first user information.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said <u>step</u> of ~~providing~~ <u>associating said proffered biometric sample with said</u> user information and <u>said</u> transponder information ~~to said system to facilitate said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates~~ <u>includes</u> associating a plurality of proffered biometric samples with user information, wherein each proffered biometric sample is associated with different user information.

12.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~ <u>1</u>, ~~wherein said step of~~ <u>further comprising verifying said proffered biometric sample using a secondary identification by</u> ~~providing user information further facilitates at least one of: processing, storing, comparing, and verifying said biometric sample; wherein said step of verifying includes~~ facilitating the use of ~~one or more~~ <u>a</u> secondary security <u>procedure</u> ~~procedures~~.

13. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating said data packet with a personal identification number to facilitate access to said data packet.

14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said proffered biometric sample at said sample receiver includes receiving said proffered biometric sample at least one of: a local database, a remote database, a portable storage device, a host system, an issuer system, a merchant system, a fob issuer system, an employer, a financial institution, a non-financial institution, a loyalty point provider, a company, the military, the government, a school, a travel entity, a transportation authority, a POS and a security company.

15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said proffered biometric sample includes receiving at least one of: a retinal scan, an iris scan, a fingerprint scan, a hand print scan, a hand geometry scan, a voice print scan, a vascular scan, a facial scan, an ear scan, a signature scan, a keystroke scan, an olfactory scan, an auditory emissions scan, and a DNA scan.

16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said transponder information includes associating a preset transaction amount with at least one of: said charge card account, said credit card account, said debit card account, said savings account, said private label account and said loyalty point account.

17. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least two of: said charge card account, said credit card account, said debit card account, said savings account, said private label account and said loyalty point account are unassociated accounts.